done them. They swim like fish. In war it does not matter if their canoe capsizes for they know how to right it very easily and get inside it again. They always carry their hammocks with them.

7. Lore and Learning

The Caribs do not count higher than ten, and they demonstrate it by their fingers. Sometimes they count to twenty, or twice ten, showing both fingers and toes. To express a greater number they pick up some sand and throw it, and they say, "as many as flies," or "very many," or "as much as this." They count months by moons and count days by nights, for they say, "I will be there for so many nights," or "I will return after so many nights." They also express with their hands and arms how they consider and measure the goodness of nations. They point to their entire hand and a part of their arm and say to us that France is as good as this. For the Flemish or Dutch they show the hand and say "as good as this." The English are the worst in their estimation, and they only indicate them by showing the tips of their fingers. It is possible that when they speak of the French in their absence, or before men of other nations, they do not maintain the same division. They use little tobacco and like to mock the Europeans who come so far to these islands seeking this miserable weed.

They have their own particular language, which I believe is very hard to learn. Besides this they have a jargon mixed with French, Spanish, English, and Flemish. The trade they have had with those nations has caused the Caribs to learn some of the words of these languages, so that in a short time one is able to understand and be understood by them. This will be a great advantage for their instruction.